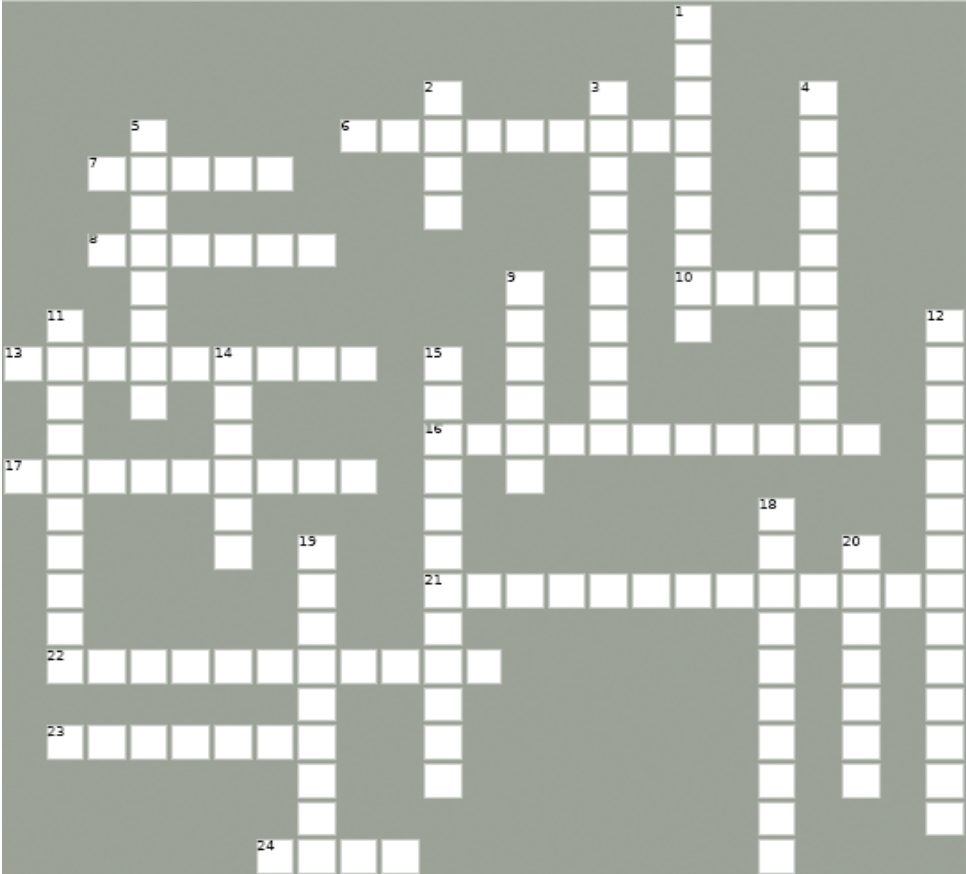


Environment at Petrified Forest National Park



Petrified Forest Environment Puzzles

The natural environment of Petrified Forest is quite diverse and complex. Use this list for both the crossword and the word search puzzles.

- blue grama

cliffrose

collared lizard

cottontail

cottonwood

coyote

golden eagle

grassland
- juniper

lichen

mariposa lily

meadowlark

monsoon

prairie dog

pronghorn

rain
- rattlesnake

raven

sagebrush

saltbush

snow

spade foot toad

steppe

wind



Crossword Puzzle Clues

Across

- 6 The cream-colored flowers of this large shrub are very fragrant.
- 7 This black bird is one of the most commonly seen animals in the park.
- 8 This type of semi-arid grassland features many shrubs as well as grass.
- 10 This mainly falls in winter.
- 13 What is the ecosystem of Petrified Forest?
- 16 Many people are afraid of this shy, venomous reptile.
- 17 Sometimes incorrectly called antelope, this deer-like animal is the fastest land mammal in the Western Hemisphere.
- 21 This amphibian survives during harsh times by burrowing into the mud and hibernating.
- 22 This is one of the largest brown hawks.
- 23 This coniferous tree has scale-like leaves and berry-like cones.
- 24 This mainly falls in late summer.

Down

- 1 One of the most common shrubs in the park is best known for its aroma, particularly after a rain.
- 2 This often is very high in the spring, sometimes causing dust storms.
- 3 This common rabbit found in the park is best known for its fluffy white tail.
- 4 This native bird, with a yellowish belly, often sits on fence posts to sing its beautiful song.
- 5 This is one of the most common shrubs in the park, known for its papery seeds.
- 9 This wild dog sings at night.
- 11 Considered a keystone animal of grasslands, this little rodent lives in big towns.
- 12 This large, brightly-colored lizard is very territorial.
- 14 Often found as colorful patches or crusts on rocks, these living colonies include algae and fungi.
- 15 This tulip-like golden wildflower blooms in the spring in Petrified Forest.
- 18 This large deciduous tree lives along rivers, streams, and washes.
- 19 This type of grass has seed heads that look like eyebrows.
- 20 This is the rainy season in late summer.

Journaling

What did you see today in the park’s environment that interested you? Write down your thoughts!

Who lives in the park?

Circle the animals that live in Petrified Forest National Park!

